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Applicant : Craig L. Ogg, et al.  
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SECURE PROCESSING OF VALUE-BEARING ITEMS  
  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office action of July 12, 2004, Applicants submit the following response in support of allowance of the present application. No claim amendments are being made herein.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-68 are presently pending, and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitehouse, U.S. Patent 6,005,945 in view of Leon, U.S. Patent 6,424,954. Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of